



**August 3, 2023**

NREC Research Committee Meeting Illinois  
Department of Agriculture  
FFA Conference Room  
Springfield, IL  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Committee Chairman Matt Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Members present in the room were: Matt Duncan, Trevor Sample, Michael Ganschow, Dirk Rice, Larry Dallas, David Wessel, Don Guinnip, Jeff Kirwan, Tim Laatsch, Jake Vossenkemper, Mark Litteken. Members joining remotely were: Scott Lagger, Ronaldo Magharing, and Cindy Skrurud. Staff members Julie Hewitt and Shani Golovay were also present in person. Stacy Zuber, Dan Schaeffer, Liz Hobart and Amelia Cheek were also present.

Chairman Duncan reviewed the conflict of interest policy and asked members to disclose any potential conflicts. Tim Laatsch disclosed a conflict on project number 2024-3-360165-285 and advised that he would abstain from voting.

Matt Duncan reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2023 meeting. David Wessel moved and Jake Vossenkemper seconded the approval of the minutes.

Executive Director Julie Hewitt reviewed the updated voting process and walked the members through the new documents. She then gave a financial report.

Dr. Shani Golovay began the review of the new projects and discussion was held on each of the newly proposed projects.

The Council then reviewed two projects that were classified as Extensions. After review, Cindy Skrukud moved and Jake Vossenkemper seconded to approve continued funding. The motion was approved.

Dr. Golovay then reviewed renewal projects. After review, Dirk Rice moved and Larry Dallas seconded the approval of all renewal projects as presented.

The committee then voted, by paper ballot, on new projects. (ballot and results attached as Attachment A and Attachment B) Once the projects were rated and ranked the committee requested that project # 2024-1-360731-934 be presented to industry partners to consider funding. Julie will follow up with partners and report back.

Jeff Kirwan moved and Dirk Rice seconded the approval of funding all projects rated 3.8 and above (less the 934 project) at a total research investment of \$4,176,312.00. Motion passed.

Julie reviewed upcoming meetings.

Jeff Kirwan moved to adjourn the meeting and Larry Dallas seconded.